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THE GEORGE-ANNE

SGA officials talk accomplishments

President touts their progress; senator claims group is 'top heavy'

Rachel CASON • guest writer

Samantha Young, Georgia Southern's Student Government Association president, said that she feels she has accomplished a lot this year already, despite being out sick for two months last semester.

She ran on a campaign platform that included promises to improve students' daily lives, make SGA leadership more transparent and improve relations with city officials.

Young believes that she has been able to improve the open conversation with city officials.

She said, "We've done a great, great job in that area. We've done great strides in continuing meeting with the mayor." She cited a monthly lunch that allows Young and SGA to have a heads-up on things happening in the city that could affect GSU students.

She also said, "There is always an SGA representative at the city council meetings. That way they know that students want to be a part of the conversation."

This, Young said, is beneficial because it allows the SGA members to bring back new ideas from the city meetings to SGA meetings.

Another of Young's platform promises included establishing a green fee and a union fee. These, Young said, would have helped keep up with the on-campus recycling programs and enlarge the capacities of the Russell Union, respectively.

She said, however, that these were "not conducive to students' financial pockets...in light of the institutional fee going up again this semester."

Thus, these have not been approached under Young's presidency.

While Young feels that she has made great strides in many areas of her campaign promises, other members of SGA have not seen such improvements.

Charles Feagain, a Senator-at-large in his third year participating in SGA thinks that there is a lack of cooperation in SGA.

He said that four executive members have resigned this year, with two resignations being from the same seat.

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Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Party face prep

Above: Senior finance major Kendra Young takes time away from crunching numbers to get her face painted by the "Designs Inspired Magnificently Exhibited in Style" at the Eagle Entertainment's Mardi Gras night Tuesday.

Left: Rochelle Patterson, a pre-middle grade education major, practices her painting skills while prepping her Mardi Gras mask.



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SGA amends Constitution

Less than a week left to contest changes

Charles MINSHEW
editor-in-chief

Students have less than one week to contest changes to amendments made to the Student Government Association constitution.

The changes to the constitution recognizes a newly formed “sister body” of SGA, the House of Representatives, increases the budgetary expenditure limit that the Senate votes on and alters the way that future amendments are made.

The House of Representatives will act as a “direct link between the students and the senate while articulating the concerns of the community,” according to the document.

In the past, the Senate has been required to vote on all SGA budgetary expenditures of more than \$300. Under the new amendments, the Senate would only be required to vote

when the total is over \$1,000.

According to the constitutional amendments, any future amendments would only require a simple majority by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The amendments also clarify the duties of executive officers and senators and creates an “emergency vote” system that is used in extenuating circumstances. The SGA used this type of vote when quorum was not met last week.

In order for anyone to oppose these amendments, a written petition with the signatures of ten percent of the student body who have paid their current semester’s activity fees must be turned in by Wednesday, Feb. 24.

To read the constitution, with amendments, in its entirety, visit www.gsusga.com

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Media piracy at GSU

How is illegal pirating dealt with on campus?

Shannon STUART
guest writer

Media piracy is a rapidly growing epidemic, not only nationally, but also globally. While a clear-cut definition of media piracy is difficult -- if not impossible -- to find, media piracy is often used to describe the illegal uploading, downloading or file-sharing of copyrighted material including music, movies and software.

The Georgia Southern Offices of Judicial Affairs and Dean of Students are continuing and increasing efforts to keep GSU students from pirating files online.

"When we first started [reprimanding students for pirating files,] most students didn't know they were doing anything wrong," Assistant Dean and Director of Judicial Affairs Patrice Buckner said.

GSU works in cooperation with the Recording Industry Association of America to monitor on-campus computer activity.

While the RIAA is a government organization that monitors online activity across the nation, the organization pays particular attention to media piracy in universities, according to Buckner.

The RIAA begins by monitoring online on-campus activity through IP addresses. When the RIAA discovers a GSU student is illegally sharing or downloading files on campus, the organization contacts GSU's

department of legal affairs and judicial affairs.

Buckner also said, "When the RIAA contacts the school, we are informed of what was stolen, what Web site was used and the IP address of the computer."

The GSU Information Technology services, then, begin searching and locating the owner of the particular IP address in question.

First time offenders are given a warning, and their access to the Internet is temporarily suspended.

Second time offenders are placed on temporary probation and required to write an essay, though Buckner cannot recall of a time when students were punished further than a warning.

"Basically it is theft. It's not giving credit to the owners," Buckner said.

However, not everyone shares the same consensus as Buckner, particularly students. While media piracy is illegal, many students continue to download illegal files online.

"I think [file-sharing] should be legal," a junior who wished to remain anonymous said. "Soon this won't be an issue. Information and media should be free."

The student downloads everything from music to software online, but movies are the bulk of the material.

"There is always something downloading to my computer every day," the student said.

Though he is aware of the illegality of media piracy, the student is not fearful of possible ramifications.

"I'm not concerned [with the legal consequences] because I am just a needle in a hay stack," the student said. "I am just one in billions of people that download things online."

The student's justifications for participating in media piracy come down to dollars.

"Supporting the company is one thing. If you love the software [or music and movies] that much, you'd buy it," the student said. "The prices are ridiculous. Who has \$1,000 to pay for software when I can get it for free?"

Junior Rick Spires also agreed that media piracy is not a severe crime.

"I don't feel like it's a bad crime," Spires said. "If I like an artist, I'll buy the CD. I just don't download because I don't want a virus and be forced to buy a new computer," Spires said.

He also believes file-sharing is specific to college students due to age.

"I think it's [file sharing] is an age thing. I don't have the money to pay for things I can download for free," Spires said.

Many students, while conscious of the illegality, still download files and believe they should have the right to do so.

However, GSU will continue to monitor on-campus activity and be active in informing and preventing students from pirating media files.

"Media piracy and downloading does not fit into Georgia Southern values," Buckner said. "We all have to follow the law, whether we like it or not."

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Our View

SGA candidate policy unfair

The window to be considered a candidate in the upcoming Student Government Association elections is quickly closing. The absolute deadline is Friday, February 26 at 5 p.m.

Two years ago, there was no competition for the presidency of SGA and within the past two years, it has been a rule that in order to be a candidate for the executive board, a person must have served on SGA for two semesters.

This policy is not fair to the students at Georgia Southern. No one should be told that they don't have experience to run SGA, especially if they have served as president -- or in a high-level position -- of another organization on campus.

Unless there is a loophole hidden deep in the language of the organization's constitution, the rule might just be unconstitutional.

In Article Three of SGA's constitution, "Candidate and Membership Qualification," there are a set of guidelines that candidates for the Senate and Executive Board are required to follow.

Among these qualifications are: The candidate must be currently enrolled at GSU; enrolled in four hours and paid student activity fees; and must maintain a cumulative 2.50 GPA throughout their term of office.

Nowhere in Article Three is it mentioned that a candidate must have served on SGA for two semesters. In Article four, section B, line three, it is stated that all candidates "must meet all criteria in the election guidelines procedures."

The Electoral Procedures guidelines in Article four, section D states that SGA "election guidelines" should be consulted for "additional information or clarification."

However, Article Four does not specifically give the election committee power to add additional qualifications to those listed in Article Three.

Even if the rules can be supported by the constitution, there should be no restriction on who can run for these positions.

SGA is for all students, not just those who have been on board with them before.

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Find meaning in season of sacrifice

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of 40 days of Lent, a time of sacrifice in the Christian calendar. No, I'm not writing a religiously oriented piece. What I'm writing about today is sacrifice and holding back; it just happens to be a thematically appropriate time.

College students know as much about giving up as anyone else; and thanks to furloughs, our teachers and university staff know it even more than ever before. Even without the economy being in shambles, we all would have to make choices with our money, time and other resources, as limited as they are. It's what economists call scarcity and trade-offs. At some point, we all learn that.

However, as the costs we bear go up, we have tougher choices to make. Even on the simplest things, such as where to buy lunch and what we buy, we have more choices and, at the same time, harder ones.

Maybe as a society, we just need to take the time and use some common sense. And the next forty days

presents a great opportunity.

Everyone should step back and figure out something that they don't need, and start preparing for the future by giving it up, even temporarily. One reason we got to this place is because of our focus on immediate gratification, rather than preparing for the future. Between subprime loans and excessive credit usage on non-essentials, we just weren't ready for any type of downturn. However, if we all were to look to the future and find ways to cut back in preparation for it, what would we find?

Some people are going to be upset by this, I'm sure. But the fact is, we don't have to cut EVERYTHING out, just small things that we don't need



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right now; even saving a dollar a day for a year is \$365.

But at the same time, some can't give anything up financially. That's where we, the student body, can help. We have the opportunity to give aid, not just with money or donations, but with our time. Look to your day and realize the time you spend on things that you don't need to do; then, see if there are things that you can do to help someone else out. Plenty of opportunities exist for service in our community, if you look for them. Talk to groups that you already work with; if they don't have something, see if there's something you can start, be it a fundraiser or a program. Even if all you have is an hour, look online. There are legitimate charity Web sites that require a couple of clicks of a mouse to make even a small change.

It's a time of sacrifice for us all, and for those who can, it can be a time giving back as you're going without. No matter what you believe, take the time and see if you're being excessive in any way. I bet you'll surprise yourself.

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Large scale, small feel now DOA?

Georgia Southern's newest advertising slogan, "Large Scale, Small Feel" is intended to do several things at once. It makes GSU look like a large university, while promising to keep a "small feel" through comfortable class sizes that allow for professor-student interactions. It is supposed to be a counterpoint to larger universities such as the University of Georgia, where students often feel like a number.

I fear that the same is happening at GSU, or at least is destined to happen in the near future. The university has a variety of issues to deal with, and so far GSU isn't equipped to deal with any of these problems. Housing has resorted to a lottery system that is forced -- due to space constraints created by requiring all first year students to live on campus -- to leave other students without on-campus living spaces.

Class sizes in core classes are also getting bigger, leading to less professor-student interaction. While those classes may seem like a hindrance to some who don't care about college Algebra, American government, or other such courses, core classes can sometimes be the place where a first year student

figures out what he or she wants to do with the next four or five years of their time at GSU. But with larger classes, a student may feel less comfortable meeting with a professor. For that matter, a professor may see the spark in a young student that shows them that the student may be interested in their subject matter, but may have a more difficult time reaching out to that student in a class of 200.

For years, administrators and alumni have trumpeted the growth of Georgia Southern's student population. It has been seen as proof of just how far GSU has come since achieving university status in 1990. Such a growing population has been cited by some in the administration as being crucial to keeping the university going through the current tough economic



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times. While that may be true, it's also apparent that GSU was not designed to accommodate over 19,000 students this year. Growth is good, but shouldn't be upheld as the singular standard for the quality of a university. Such population growth at the expense of maintaining a comfortable, student-centered university is not enough to say "growth is good."

GSU's growing pains are symptoms of a rapidly growing student population. The only way to fix this, in my opinion, is to focus on raising admissions requirements for students who want to come here. Capping students -- due to the University System of Georgia's rules, is not on the table -- so this is the next best option.

GSU needs to focus on raising standards for getting into university here. Going to a place with larger enrollment alone is not proof of prestige. GSU's prestige can only be built and maintained with controlled student growth and professors, not to mention staff, who have the time to deal with students on a one-on-one basis. Far too much at GSU is at stake to continue to allow growth for growth's sake.

Letter to the Editor

Advertising drink specials a bad idea

As a former student and now a GSU staff member, I look forward to the editions of The George-Anne each week. I have seen tremendous growth in the writing and aesthetics of the student newspaper since I have been here.

Although there have been remarkable improvements in the paper, there is one section that alarms me. The "Weekend Wrap" is meant to inform the student body of food, beverage and entertainment specials at local "restaurants." I am not opposed to the advertisement of food, beverages and entertainment. However, I am opposed to the advertising of alcoholic beverages in the student newspaper. I am sure you will have arguments of freedom of speech; it is a student operated newspaper, and it brings advertising dollars to support the paper.

However, I believe that advertising alcoholic beverages should be reconsidered. Advertising alcohol has a potentially negative impact. Campus newspapers have significant influence with large readerships. Frequently, the newspaper serves as the voice of the student body. The "Weekend Wrap" states the legal age to buy alcoholic beverages. It is known that it is not difficult for underage students to buy/consume alcoholic beverages. One study concluded that student newspapers promoted irresponsible and heavy drinking. This leads to binge drinking and its factors. For example, \$1 vodkas are advertised at a "restaurant." Students receive the impression they can consume large amounts of liquor at little cost, therefore increasing the likelihood of binge drinking.

Often times, Georgia Southern is viewed as a "party school." Advertising

alcohol perpetuates this stereotype. There is a moral obligation to students to foster a change of culture; a culture that will allow Georgia Southern to be viewed as the University with outstanding academics, student services and athletics. Alcohol advertising affects knowledge, attitudes and intentions to drink. When prospective students read the newspaper they receive conflicting messages. They are warned of the consequences of underage drinking and how this behavior is intolerable. Advertising alcohol is counterproductive to the messages set forth by the University.

Is the price of advertising space worth the potential poor decisions of the students?

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- I think it is a good idea. **45.9%**
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- I already have a bike. **21.6%**
- I'm renting one. **2.7%**

For next week's poll question, visit GADaily.com.



Man on the Street

The G-A staff takes to the Pedestrium to get the student, faculty and staff's take on things.

What do you think SGA is and what does it do for you?

"I have honestly no idea what it is."

Jordan Steen
freshman, accounting



"It's the Student Government Association, and they do certain stuff around campus to get people involved."

Kimberly Wyche
junior, early childhood



"I really don't know what they do, that's the honest truth."

Jasmine Robinson
junior, mechanical engineering



"I think it's the Student Government Association, and it helps organize student activities."

Anna Snnyder
junior, exercise science





WEEKLY BUZZ

Thursday, February 18th

9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Communication Arts Peer Advising, 3rd Floor of Veazey Hall
 10:00 A.M. Off Campus Housing Fair, Russell Union Commons
 7:00 P.M. Miss GSU Pageant, Russell Union Ballroom

Friday, February 19th

9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Communication Arts Peer Advising, 3rd Floor of Veazey Hall
 11:30 A.M. International Conversation Hour, Russell Union Ballroom
 12:00 P.M. Writing and Linguistics BA Program Meeting, Newton Room 1107
 2:00 P.M. Opening Day of Softball vs. Oakland, Eagle Softball Field, Fair Road
 7:00 & 9:00 P.M. Eagle Entertainment Movie: Ninja Assassin, Russell Union Theater
 7:00 P.M. Opening Day of Baseball vs. Tennessee Tech, J.I. Clements Stadium

Saturday, February 20th

9:00 A.M. NIRSA Day 5K Run/Walk, Recreation Activity Center
 12:00 P.M. Basketball Double Header - PACK THE HOUSE IN PINK, Hanner Fieldhouse

Monday, February 22nd

9:00 A.M. Clothesline Project - Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Russell Union
 11:00 A.M. Nat'l Eating Disorder Awareness Week Lunch Discussion, Russell Union Room TBA
 5:30 P.M. Leadership Workshop Series, Russell Union 2041
 7:15 P.M. John Humma Cinema Arts Series: "Frozen River," Russell Union Theater
 7:30 P.M. Gay-Straight Alliance, Russell Union 2044

Tuesday, February 23rd

5:30 P.M. Study Tips for Biology, Cone Hall 2023
 6:00 P.M. Dining for Success, Russell Union Ballroom
 6:00 P.M. Baseball vs. Georgia Tech, J.I. Clements Stadium
 6:30 P.M. Hotel and Restaurant Management's Dinner Series, call 478-5975 for details.
 7:00 P.M. Spin and a Movie, RAC Spinning Studio

Wednesday, February 24th

11:00 A.M. Blood Drive, Russell Union Room 2041
 2:00 & 4:00 P.M. Softball vs. Georgia State, Eagle Softball Field, Fair Road
 4:00 P.M. Baseball vs. Georgia Tech, J.I. Clements Stadium
 4:00 P.M. Study Tips for Psychology, Cone Hall Room 2002
 5:00 P.M. Study Tips for Math, Cone Hall Room 2002



Housing lottery results announced

Alli BRENNER
student media intern

Although Georgia Southern has many residence halls available, some of the students who lived on campus have lost the opportunity because of the housing lottery.

"We had a reduction in the number of house spaces than we thought we'd have so we went to the Residence Hall Association and decided on a random lottery," Jon Coleman, assistant director of Administrative Services said. "Students signed up online. The computer has a lottery feature that assigned random numbers starting with one."

After numbers were arbitrarily assigned, students were notified whether or not they made the cut.

For students that did not make the cut, an uncertain feeling for the future appeared.

"I thought, 'What am I going to do next?' I didn't have any plans for where I was going to live or what to do next," junior Jamie Zimmer-Dauphinee said.

Feelings regarding the lottery system are mixed among students.

"I'm glad it worked out well for me, but I don't think its fair to exclude upperclassmen who have been loyal to the institution for their undergrad [degree] to make them move off campus," freshman Courtney Sanford said.

Zimmer-Dauphinee said, "I think they're putting freshmen or incoming students' interests above those who are already here. I know they saved a lot of housing for freshmen, and they're not looking out for the students that are already here."

For students that did not secure a spot for on campus housing there is still hope.

"Currently we're processing cancellations. [For students who are still on the waiting list] it depends on what their number is," Coleman said.

Some students already were planning ahead in case they did not reserve a space.

"My backup plan was to go to either Copper Beech or Cambridge because Cambridge is on the bus route and Copper Beech is outside of commuter range so maybe I could get a parking pass," Sanford said.

Coleman said, "There are a variety of price points out there so there are a lot of options. Students should begin to look and be aware. Most importantly ... do some critical shopping to see what fits you."



Don't pull your hair out!

Stress management training on campus in March

Submitted to The George-Anne

Georgia Southern University's "Work Smarter: Managing Stress in the Workplace" seminar, is scheduled in the campus's Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on Wednesday, March 10.

Strategically timed to wrap around the average lunch break, the seminar will provide work management skills-training to help overwhelmed or over-busy people take control.

Participants are welcome to bring their own bag lunch for multi-tasking efficiency at the Statesboro seminar, which runs 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Congressman speaks to GSU class

Nathan Deal discussed more than upcoming election to American government students



Vincent Carrett/STAFF
Congressman Nathan Deal explained the way Congress works to Erik Brooks' class.

Vincent GARRETT
guest writer

Congressman Nathan Deal stopped by Georgia Southern Tuesday, but not to campaign for the upcoming governor election.

Deal stopped by Erik Brooks' American government class to provide a first-hand look into what it is like to be a member of Congress.

He discussed everything from how the members of Congress vote on issues to the health care issue. Deal gave students insight on what it would take in order to be able to make a bill as complex as the health care bill pass.

Deal began with a short history of how Congress came to be and how members were elected, along with how much time they spend in their position.

He also discussed the upcoming census and the possibility that Georgia's population has increased enough to gain another representative in Congress.

Deal explained how close votes in Congress are by using two recent bills.

"The Cap and Trade Bill passed the House by a two-vote margin, and the Health Care Bill passed with a three-vote margin, so you see how closely divided the issue is."

He explained to the students the impact of the appropriate bills, which determine where funds are going in the government. He even told the students what the meanings of the taxes on their paychecks were.

In addition to the lecture he gave, Deal answered questions from the class, who mainly were concerned about the Health Care Bill.

Chris Fraser, a student in the class, was happy to receive insight firsthand from someone who knew the process well.

"I do not know much about the Health Care Bill, but he really helped me to learn a little bit and get more informed about it," he said.

Fraser was also untroubled by the fact that Deal was conservative.

"I see myself as a liberal, but seeing it from the other side, he's smart, and I can agree with some of what he was saying," he said. "It was a good experience in the whole."

Brooks said, "Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions to a sitting congressman. We've been putting in a lot of hard work and time going through the textbook and this was a nice change of pace to be able to bring someone in from Washington."

How's that resolution coming?

KEEP IT GOING! Join us for these upcoming events.

February 15th: CRI Job Fair begins

February 17th: Sea Kayaking 101 Clinic @ 7 - 9pm

February 18th: Free Preview Swim Lessons 6:30 - 7:30pm

February 20th: NIRSA 5K

February 22nd: Swim Lesson Session IV begins

February 23rd: Intramural Softball entries due

February 24th: \$10 off Massage

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Girl Scouts wish to sell on campus

Online Cookie Locator makes finding sale spots more convenient

Laura KELLY
guest writer

The Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia are now featuring a Girl Scout Cookie Locator on their Web site for all customers seeking their annual box of Girl Scout cookies.

The online cookie locator is a tool that allows customers to type in their zip code and bring up all the Girl Scout Cookie booths in their surrounding areas.

Instead of selling cookies door-to-door, the troops now host booths throughout the community, offering a more comfortable environment for the girls, yet still allowing them to interact with their customers.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia's Marketing Manager Tara Panzo said, "We are always being told by people that they didn't see girls selling cookies anywhere this year. This eliminates the 'guessing game' and allows people to know exactly when and where Girl Scout cookie booths will be in their area."

The Girl Scouts will be hosting cookie booths during February, and locations can be found using the new Web site tool.

Although the online locator will be able to inform customers of where cookies are sold in their area, the cookies are not actually for sale online due to safety concerns.

Also, online sales would defeat the purpose of the girls' ability to exercise their communication and people skills.

Girl Scout cookie consumer and Georgia Southern student Charlotte Cox said, "Every year I keep a look out for those cute little uniforms, and I always buy several boxes. I wish they would sell them on campus because I would buy at least two boxes of each kind if they did."

In order for the Girl Scouts to be able to sell the cookies on campus, they would have to be represented by a school organization or group member.

"We would love to have a booth sale open to the GSU students on campus. Unfortunately,

we have yet to find a group from GSU that will stay at the table with us in order to be able to sell there. If you know of anyone who would be willing, please let us know," said Panzo.

All the proceeds from the cookie sales are used for events and trips the Girl Scout troops would like to go on, such as camping trips or trips out of town.

"We have one troop in Statesboro that is planning a trip to the Columbia Zoo and some other nearby museums with their cookie proceeds. Another in the area is planning a trip to Atlanta to visit the Georgia Aquarium," said Panzo.

In addition, this year the girls have opted to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Haiti relief effort.

"Quite a few of our troops are donating a portion or all of the money they earn from this year's cookie program," said Panzo.

The Girl Scouts also host a "Cookies from Home" program, which allows customers to send boxes of Girl Scout Cookies and/or make



Photo Illustration

donations to military troops overseas.

"Last year we sent 8,693 boxes of cookies through this program," said Panzo.

The Girl Scout Cookie Locator can be found on the official website at www.gshg.org.

Panzo said, "We hope that with this Cookie Locator everyone will have the opportunity to make a purchase."

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THURSDAY



IHOP to give free pancakes

Aili BRENNER
student media intern

IHOP will be hosting its fourth annual National Pancake Day, which helps collect donations for a select charity, Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 7 a.m.- 10 p.m.

"National Pancake Day is to give away pancakes and thank the customers for coming. It also helps for charity," Samantha Newman, assistant manager for the Statesboro IHOP, said.

"Everyone gets a free short stack, which is three pancakes. Only buttermilk pancakes are part of this offer, though," she said.

The charity, chosen by the corporate arm of IHOP, for the 2010 event is the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization that raises funds for children's hospitals.

Recognized by its symbolic red and yellow balloon, the Children's Miracle Network was founded by Marie Osmond, John Schneider, Mick Shannon and Joe Lake.

National Pancake Day has raised \$1.3 million for charities so far, and the 2010 goal is \$5 million in five years.

In order to bring in this extra revenue, many people will need to attend, and that means there will be a crowd.

"I started preparing [Feb. 16]," Newman said. "We're planning on having extra servers working to make sure everything runs smoothly."

Former IHOP employee and Georgia Southern senior Garrett Jones said, "I knew they had all you can eat pancakes, but I didn't know they were having free pancakes.

"It's really good that it's for charity, and any time you can give to charity and people can get something free out of it, it's even better. Everyone wins," he said.



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Free short stack pancakes will be available from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. on Tuesday at IHOP. Donations to the Children's Miracle Network will be accepted.

Because the pancakes are free, IHOP will rely on donations to aid the charity.

"I'll probably go, and I will probably make a donation of whatever I would have spent on pancakes," junior James Miller said.

Although many people love the concept of free food and helping out others in need, it is not always feasible to get there.

"I don't have a car, but if I did I would go," sophomore Brooke West said. "I would ride my bike to eat free pancakes. The fact that it's for charity is great; it doesn't matter what kind. We're all a community and we should all help each other. Charity is important."

Students are not the only ones applauding the concept of pancakes for charity.

"I think it's wonderful, and any kind of organization willing to put the effort and love into any kind of charity should be rewarded," said Stephanie Saunders, a career advisor at GSU.

In an effort to get as many customers as possible to the restaurant as possible, IHOP's Web site offers an option for people to get a celebrity reminder phone call.

Football player and Hall of Fame member Steve Young, the winner of 2010 Miss America pageant Caressa Cameron, Children's Miracle Network co-founder and former "Dancing With the Stars" contestant Marie Osmond and High School Musical star Monique Coleman are all options to be on the other line for an National Pancake Day wake-up call.

Although IHOP is making its efforts to spread the word about National Pancake Day, GSU students are also willing to help the cause.

Senior Kevin Parrish said, "I'll be there. I like the fact that it is for charity, and I'll do anything to help someone else. Who's got a megaphone? I'll tell everyone."

February: Time to fix felines for \$50

Tico BURCH
guest writer

Each spring, the Humane Society of Statesboro and Bulloch County and local rescue groups are overrun with cats and kittens.

The HSSBC, in conjunction with local veterinary clinics and the Spay/Neuter Alliance and Clinic, is helping reduce these numbers by offering \$50 feline sterilizations during the month of February for Georgia Southern staff and Bulloch County residents and \$20 for students.

Deborah Kosina, Spay and Neuter Committee Chair of the HSSBC, said that Statesboro has a new shelter on the way.

"Statesboro has a progressive attitude with wonderful people who are dedicated and passionate about helping animals," she said. "If you are an animal lover, the best thing you can do is spay or neuter your pet; it has such a domino effect and saves lives. Be proactive instead of reactive."

Freshman Katie Olive is one of the students actively helping to contribute. Olive is in the process of establishing a new club on campus called the Feral Cat Club, which will catch stray and feral cats on campus, feed them, spay and neuter them and then tag them so they can keep track of the population.

Olive said she is hoping that the club will be official sometime this semester and that there are already 10 pending members.

"Get your pet fixed, don't just dump them outside," she said.

For information on how to spay or neuter your pet contact the Humane Society of Statesboro and Bulloch County at 912-681-9393 or The Spay/Neuter Alliance and Clinic at 843-645-2500.



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SGA

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Feagain said, "The way the organization is run this year is more top heavy as far as who's making decisions versus who's doing the work. The Senate feels disenfranchised. All we do is come on Wednesday and hear what the executive [board] is doing."

Young had goals of making SGA leadership more transparent and goals of getting the House of Representatives more involved in decision-making.

She said, "We re-did our constitution; we made it better, and we posted it for all students to see. We've been more visual with our advertisements and people knowing what is going on with the Senate."

Anna Allen, a GSU student, said that she voted in the SGA elections, but that she did not know who won the president's seat, nor could she identify any of SGA's accomplishments for the year.

Young said that the House of Representatives is a much bigger part of SGA as a result of the new constitution.

She said, "[The House of Reps.] now has a

purpose. The House is going to handle all of SGA election processes, to the extent that they are going to have an informational section for all students who are interested in being a part of the Student Government Association."

Regarding transparency, Feagain said that there is still a lot of work to do.

"I think technical minutes and a general summary need to be posted," Feagain said. "I don't think we are transparent enough." Feagain also said that he thought it would be beneficial to stream the meetings live so that students who are unable to attend will still be able to see what goes on.

He mentioned problems with having effective SGA meetings in general. Feagain said that the meetings are not very well ordered and that some drag on for up to two hours.

He also said that SGA has only been able to meet quorum -- having two-thirds of the voting body present at a meeting -- once out of five meetings this year. This, he said, has made it very difficult to get any official business done and has led to the casual use of what was meant to be an emergency email voting system.

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Nuclear alternatives

Philip CLEMENTS • reflector editor-in-chief

Earlier this week, President Barack Obama announced \$8 billion worth of loan guarantees for two new nuclear reactor to be built right here in Georgia - Burke County, to be exact.

They will be the first two new nuclear reactors built since the 1970s and bring the number of reactors in operation across 31 states in the U.S. to 106.

If you're like me, the first thing you think of when you hear the term "nuclear power" is the Simpsons' opening sequence, with enormous clouds of white smoke billowing out of two huge smokestacks with the atomic symbol on them.

Not exactly an image of environmental awareness or safety.

This image is misleading. The smoke coming from the iconic smokestacks is merely steam, as the stacks are cooling towers for the heated water in the plant.

Nuclear power plants don't actually emit greenhouse gases, like CO₂ or methane, which are the biggest contributors to global warming.

Of course, like all energy produced, nuclear energy produces waste. The waste isn't stored in green oil drums with a biohazard sticker on them floating in a radioactive lake, they're buried deep underground.

In contrast, there is no strategy for safe storage or disposal of carbon waste and the carbon dioxide produced by coal and natural gas.

Even so, the consensus isn't 100 percent in favor of nuclear power. One argument is that it takes a long time and a lot of money to build a nuclear power plant. The \$8 billion from Obama is going towards

building a single plant.

Some organizations, such as Greenpeace and the Sierra Club argue that it would be quicker and cheaper to start investing in solar and wind power.

Long-term costs are another factor. Uranium is a natural resource but not a renewable one. While it's 40 times more abundant than silver, the U.S. is 8th in the world when it comes to proven uranium reserves, according to nationmaster.com.

With only 102,000 tons, compared to Australia's 1,074,000 and Kazakhstan's 622,000, we would still be fairly dependent on foreign uranium, which some see as a threat to national security.

Like most issues, both sides make valid points. On one hand, it's the safest and cleanest energy source available that can provide the amount of energy we consume as a country.

It's already a major power source and the infrastructure is already in place.

On the other hand, it's a temporary fix.

Since Uranium is not a renewable resource, we're bound to run into the same problems with nuclear power that we are currently dealing with in regards to oil.

Either way, it's a move away from oil and coal, which are without a doubt the two dirtiest and ultimately most expensive forms of energy we have. And with the current economic situation and unemployment in the double digits, the creation of approximately 3,500 construction jobs and 800 permanent operations jobs that will provide power to about 550,000 homes can't be the worst option, right?

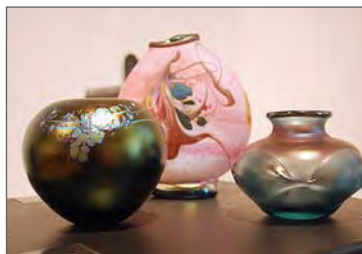


Artist Kevin Shunn to speak today

Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Observation creator Kevin Shunn will be at the Center for Art & Theatre today from 5 until 7 p.m. to talk about his artwork. Everyone is invited to attend the event. Shunn currently serves as the chair of the art department at the University of West Georgia, where he is also an associate professor of sculpture. He has exhibited work worldwide. His exhibition's appearance at GSU will end today.

To learn about the next exhibits at the Center for Art & Theatre, check out The George-Anne.



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Today is the last opportunity students have to examine works by W. Yamagawa, above, David Goldhagen, right, and other artists. Studio Glass from the Schuman Collection closes this afternoon at 5 p.m. The exhibition features numerous art glass sculptures, vessels and other works from the 1970's to the 1990's. Check out these colorful works in the gallery at the Center for Art & Theatre.

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Mardi Gras festivities a fat success

Mask making, food, music highlight event in Russell Union on Tuesday

Derek JOYCE
staff writer

Eagle Entertainment brought New Orleans to the Russell Union Tuesday night with a Mardi Gras event.

The event featured face painting, mask making, New Orleans jazz music, food, and a presentation from "Designs Inspired Magnificently Exhibited in Style." More than 70 students came to the event.

Immediately following GSU Unplugged, the Russell Union commons was transformed into a mask making factory. After a brief overview of the history of Mardi Gras, food was served. This included fruit, cheese, crackers, artichoke dip and King Cake.

"It's a lot better than we thought it was going to be. We are really excited," said Shannin Wright, a member of Eagle Entertainment

who -- along with Lindsay Higgs -- created the event.

The King Cake was catered by Dining Services.

The main feature for the afternoon was the mask making. Given a plain white mask that covers the area around the eyes, each of the three long tables were given an assortment of paints to create a mask of their own design.

Each person's mask was unique and some even displayed a part of the person within. "Mime was an inspiration. I figured if I was in a Mardi Gras I would dress as a mime and mime in the middle of the street," said Lamontra Memurtry, a sophomore model for DIMES and member of the Euphoria dance group.

Other masks were designed to look like they were rimmed in jewels, contained swirls or many other things.

DIMES painted faces and entertained the audience on stage. "We were posed as

mannequins. The cosmetology department did our makeup and we wanted to model our faces," said Kenura Young, a model troupe trainer for DIMES.

The designs for the face painting were inspired by Mardi Gras and carnival masks. The models for DIMES had specially designed "masks" that were elaborate and included feathers.

The group is designed to refine the skills needed to be a model and to connect its members with producers, entrepreneurs, scouts, and other top executives in the fashion industry.

DIMES has a variety of committees including model troupe, hair and makeup, fundraising, and production. The Mardi Gras event also served as a fundraiser for the group.

The event received positive reactions overall. "It's really awesome. I'm enjoying myself making a Mardi Gras mask and having a good

time," said Joseph Humphrey, a sophomore.

"I love it. I like to paint, I'm in art history and this is a lot of fun. I like Mardi Gras too," said Shavonne Lovelace.

The act of painting the mask also seemed to serve as an anti-stress activity. "It's fun and kind of relaxing after a stressful week," said Sarah Cool, a freshman.

The 2010 GSU Mardi Gras was a big success. Every available seat was filled, the atmosphere was excited but relaxed and the food and music were nice and fit the occasion.

The DIMES performance and the history lesson did not overshadow the event, but highlighted it.

Most importantly, everyone there had a fun time and got a chance to relax and socialize.

The next major event for Eagle Entertainment will be comedian Dan Adhoot's performance at the Russell Union Theater on February 25 at 7 p.m.



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The Express Lane hosts annual Alive and In-Color talent show

Natalie DEMARKO
guest writer

The third annual Alive and In-Color talent show will take place this Thursday in the Russell Union Commons.

The Express Lane talk show, Georgia Southern's only live audience talk show, will host the event from 7 until 8:45 p.m. The idea behind the show is to give students on campus who are gifted with talent a chance to express themselves in front of GSU peers, faculty and staff.

Performers of all types of majors and classifications were required to go through a full week of auditions. Those selected will be performing in three different categories: poetry/spoken word, dance and singing.

There are currently 30 actively engaged participants and an executive board of members involved with the success of each event and show.

Events Coordinator Porshia Ellis said,

"I joined the Express Lane as the events coordinator because I like to always have things planned out, and I felt that my strengths and attributes would help further enhance the organization."

Ellis expects that the audience at the Alive and In-Color talent show will be entertained with the variety of talented acts and performances it has to offer.

The Alive and In-Color talent show is expected to draw a great crowd since it packed the Russell Union Ballroom twice before. Both shows were quite successful, and they will continue as long as the audience holds strong.

Long, hard preparation has been going on since mid-December to help guarantee the success of the show. The Express Lane founder James Camper said, "We have actively been preparing for this big show since we came back to school the second week of January."

Tickets are on sale today from 11 until 2 p.m. for \$1 in the Russell Union Commons or \$2 at the door.

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Quick Hits

▲ GSU baseball premieres this week at home against Tennessee Tech. The three- game series begins tomorrow, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. and will last through Sunday, Feb. 21.

▲ GSU golf is scheduled to travel to Ponte Verda, Fla. and face North Florida for the John Hayt Invitational on Sunday, Feb. 28.

▲ The GSU Eagle Classic begins tomorrow, Feb. 19. The Eagles' softball team will face off against Oakland, Lipscomb and Binghamton. The tournament begins at 10 a.m.

▲ GSU tennis has home matches this weekend. The women's team plays on Saturday against Coastal Carolina at 11 a.m. Both teams play Hampton on Sunday with the men beginning at 10 a.m. and the women at 2 p.m.

▲ Pack the House Pink is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20. Both teams are set to play Wofford with the women tipping-off at noon and the men at 2:30 p.m.

▲ Swimming & diving will compete in the CCSA Championship in Knoxville, TN. The event begins today and lasts through Saturday, Feb. 20.

Eagles take flight Friday

First game of season against Oakland, followed by Binghamton

Latrice Williams
softball correspondent

The Georgia Southern women's softball team's season debut will be underway Friday, Feb. 19, beginning with the GSU Eagle Classic.

Lipscomb, Binghamton, and Oakland will battle GSU as the Eagles look to win the tournament.

The Eagles have gone to four straight SoCon Championships, but have yet to bring home the gold.

Last season, the Eagles lost to Furman and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

UTC has proven to be a tough competitor for GSU as the Eagles have lost to the Mocs in the championship four years in a row.

Junior Brianna Streetmon is determined and has high hopes that the Eagles can take the crown from the Mocs.

"We plan on hitting the ball a lot more. We have a ton of talent and all our players want to beat Chattanooga because of the pressure and you just want to win all the time," said Streetmon.

Streetmon was awarded preseason pitcher of the year, and was ecstatic about her achievement.

A native of Winder, Ga., Streetmon was also named to the preseason First Team All-Conference.

"It means a lot since I got pitcher of the year last year. It really is a big deal," said Streetmon.

A panel of Southern Conference coaches recently chose the Eagles to finish second this season.

Streetmon admitted she was surprised that the Eagles are at the top of the list.

"In previous years we have been named fourth, and it's been that way since my freshman year. I guess they do see that we have a lot of new talent," said Streetmon.

Nina Iduate, a senior infielder from Norcross, Ga., has been selected as a candidate for the Lowe's Senior Class award.

Alongside 29 other individuals, Iduate's excellence in the classroom, service in the



File Photo

The Eagles begin their run at a fifth straight SoCon Championship game this weekend during the GSU Eagle Classic. The event begins on Friday and lasts through Sunday.

community, competition on the playing field, and character has helped her become eligible for this award.

The team's preseason awards have made coach Maggie Johnson very proud.

"Nina is a senior and over her three years here, she has been a model student athlete," said Johnson. "She is a math major, which is not easy. She is very competitive on the field, willing to listen, asks questions, and has been a great role model for the younger kids and we are excited to see what she can do on the field."

In her second year as head coach, Johnson has already obtained a winning season, and looks forward to staying in the winning column.

"We try not to look at the championship game and who we may or may not be playing," said Johnson. "We have a lot of things to accomplish before we get there.

This year only the top four teams are going, so our immediate goal is to be one of the top four seeds in the conference. We are just trying to focus on the next game coming up and putting the team in pressure situations."

Although the Eagles aren't playing against their SoCon foes in the Eagles Classic, Coach Johnson says the tournament will help prepare the team for the rest of the season.

"It isn't a conference game, so in the end is it as important? No, but as soon as we are able to take every game as the most important game of the season I feel like that is truly when we will be able to step up and not have any big losses against our big time foes, and if a team beats us its going to be because they are better than us, not because we aren't prepared or weren't focused,"

The tournament will last through Sunday, Feb. 21 as the times and teams for future games will be announced.

Where are they now? J.R. Revere

Drew CHESHIRE
staff writer

Many sports enthusiasts are familiar with the names Bo Jackson, Deion Sanders, and Brian Jordan. They are the names of dual-sport athletes who found great success and won numerous awards on the playing fields of football and baseball. However, they represent only a small portion of athletes throughout history who sacrificed years of hard work and determination to succeed at multiple sports. Some have gone on to fame and fortune professionally, while some have found success outside of their sports. Former Georgia Southern quarterback J.R. Revere has such a story.

In this era of rebuilding for GSU football, it's nice to think back to better times in the program's storied tradition. Those fans who do reminisce about the glory days remember Revere as the quarterback who engineered the triple-option offense during his 2000 to 2001 junior year.

After a brilliant career at LaGrange High School, several schools recruited Revere. He signed on with GSU because then head coach Paul Johnson would allow him to play quarterback instead of converting him to another skills position. In his stellar four-year career, the Eagles had a record of 52 wins to only 7 losses, and went to three national championships, winning two. Complemented by Adrian Peterson, Revere and the Eagle offense terrorized opponents on the ground en route to ranking in the nation's top three rushing offenses for all four years. Revere collected First Team All-Southern Conference honors following the 2001 season, as well as Honorable Mention All-American honors.

Along with becoming an Eagle legend on the gridiron, Revere also etched his name into the history of GSU's baseball program. He started all four years as an outfielder, and batted at various spots in the lineup, including leadoff his senior year. His play was rewarded with Second Team All-SoCon honors during his career as well as a spot on the All-SoCon

Tournament team during his sophomore and senior years.

Even though Revere became one of the most celebrated players in the program's history, he discovered quickly that his success on the playing fields didn't come easy.

"It was extremely tough playing two different sports," said Revere. "While I was playing football in the fall, the baseball team was practicing and working out. Once football season ended and I came out for baseball practice in the spring, it was like I had to reclaim my spot all over again. This happened every year."

What many fans might not comprehend is that football continues into the spring. Johnson always had a strict work out regime for his players, and held many team scrimmages to prepare for the upcoming season. Revere was expected to not only attend these practices, but he took a majority of the quarterback snaps as well.

"That was probably the hardest part," said Revere. "I was physically drained. I remember

weekends where I would have a football scrimmage on Saturday. Immediately after the scrimmage, I had to be shuttled down to Savannah so that I could fly out to wherever the baseball team was playing that day. I would change out of my football pads, and suit up in my baseball uniform along the way. By the afternoon, I was in the dugout playing a baseball game."

On top of his athletic responsibilities, Revere was also faced with the challenge of balancing academic work and maintaining good grades.

"I definitely had to acquire new time management skills," said Revere.

When his career for the blue and white ended following the 2002 baseball season, it seemed that Revere could find success in just about anything he wanted.

However, he soon learned that not all multi-sport athletes go on to achieve professional greatness.

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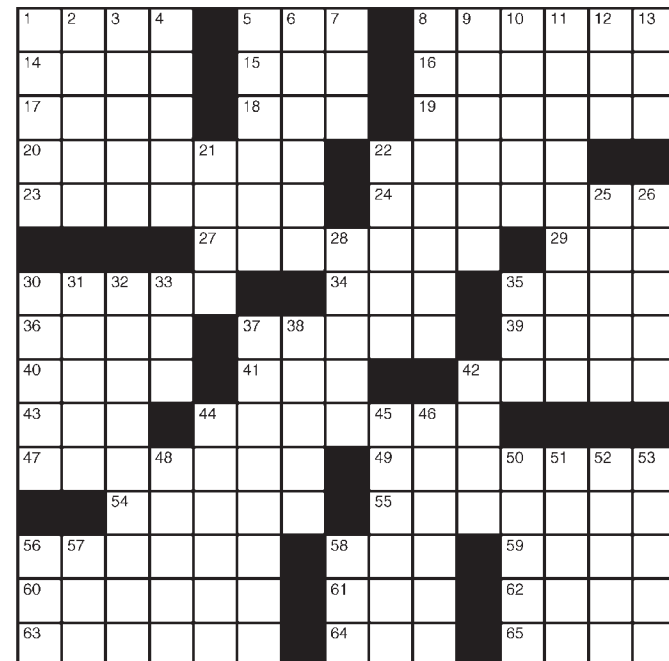
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SoCon champs start



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The reigning SoCon champions look to defend their title this season with a season-opening debut this weekend against Tennessee Tech. The Eagles tied with Elon for the top spot in the preseason coaches poll, as the preseason media poll ranked them second.

Eagles' test starts with home series against Tennessee Tech, Georgia Tech

Darin Woodard
baseball correspondent

The Georgia Southern Eagles kick off their season this Friday in a three game series against Tennessee Tech.

Before they hit the mound, we thought it would be appropriate to recap last year's stellar performance, as well as give the fans a taste of things to come.

GSU finished last season as SoCon champions after defeating Elon 7-3.

After losing ten batters and four pitchers during the off-season, the Eagles are still setting their sights on the crown and beyond.

Batters leaving the Eagles include Brian Pierce, Ty Wright, Pat Smith, Phillip Porter, Matt Miller, Chris Banker, Rick Anderson, Jonathan King, Will Southwell and Griffin Benedict.

Missed most out of this group would have to be Benedict. The former catcher recorded a .412 batting average with 14 homeruns and 65 runs batted in. All three categories were team highs as Benedict went on to be

drafted by the San Diego Padres.

Pitchers leaving the Eagles include Mitch Farmer, Kyle Kamppi, Brian Wilkerson and Chris Mederos.

Mederos will be missed in the Eagles' bullpen after a stellar season in 2009.

In his first year at GSU, Mederos had a team high 113 strikeouts with a 11-1 record and a complete game.

"We're looking forward to seeing what our guys can do," said head coach Rodney Hennon. "Every team is different, I don't think you can look at last year's team. You have to look at what this team is capable of doing, and I think when you talk about this group we have the experience and depth that can be a strength for us."

One thing about the baseball team that differs from them last year is the amount of speed on the GSU roster.

"I think this team has got a lot more speed," said junior infielder Jake Ware. "You can see it as far as the guys in the outfield and the newcomers. That's one area we're really trying to work on, our bunt game, stealing bases, and really using our speed to

our advantage."

Senior Kyle Blackburn attests to the speed, and is excited about the pitching staff.

"We've definitely have a lot faster guys on the team. They can help us, especially in the outfield. We've got new pitchers to give us more depth in the bullpen, which I think will be a strength of the team this year."

Blackburn's prediction for the season seems nothing short of another SoCon title.

"I would like to win the SoCon again, with this team it's a strong possibility."

With last year's conference win hanging over their heads, the Eagles don't seem at all tense about a repeat performance. With speed as the team's main focal point and much more depth in the bullpen, the Eagles look to take off this spring on a high note.

Their test begins Friday against Tennessee Tech, but only gets harder as Georgia Tech visits Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Baseball Preview

2009 SoCon Standings

Team	Overall	SoCon
Elon	(41-18)	(23-4)
GSU	(42-17)	(20-8)
The Citadel	(37-22)	(20-10)
WCU	(35-22)	(19-10)
CofC	(35-22)	(17-13)
App. State	(33-21)	(15-13)
Davidson	(18-31)	(11-16)
Furman	(24-31)	(10-20)
Samford	(17-35)	(9-21)
UNC-G	(20-29)	(7-21)
Wofford	(17-32)	(7-22)

Notable Returners

▲ AJ Wirnsberger (#3) - 3B/R

The returning Wirnsberger was the starting third baseman for GSU last season. He batted a .323 during his junior year with 58 RBI's and 13 HR's

▲ Colin Snow (#11) - SP/R

Snow returns to the mound in his second season as an Eagle. Snow had the lowest ERA last season with a 3.77. He also had a 4-3 record with 35 strikeouts and 18 walks.

▲ Eric Phillips (#12) - 1B/R

In 48 games played last season, Phillips recorded a .333 batting average. This included 65 hits, 13 doubles, a triple and 43 runs.

▲ Jake Brown (#38) - SP/L

Brown was one of two Eagles in the bullpen with a complete game under their resume. Brown had a 6-3 record in 17 games played.

▲ Kyle Blackburn (#19) - DH/L

The lefty enters his senior year coming off of a pretty productive season. Last spring, Blackburn recorded 12 HR's and 28 RBI's. He is one of two Eagles returning with double digit HR's last season.

REVERE

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Following his graduation, Revere chose to pursue a career in baseball. He had initially been drafted by the Colorado Rockies after his junior year, but went undrafted after returning to school for his senior year. He spent most of the next year in Chillicothe, Ohio, playing for the minor league Chillicothe Paints.

With the help of former Eagle quarterback Tracy Ham, Revere decided to return to football and signed a short-term contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League. Eventually, he found his way back to the United States, and decided to try out for the Arena Football League.

During this time, Revere played for arena teams all over the state of Georgia. These teams included the Macon Knights, Atlanta Thoroughbreds, Chattahoochee Valley Vipers, Rome Renegades, and a tryout with the Georgia Force.

"It wasn't exactly the dream life you hear about where everyone's making a lot of money," said Revere. "You have to fight just to get anyone to notice you."

After playing his last game in 2008, Revere turned his attention towards coaching and training.

He was a teacher and assistant coach at East Coweta High School before he took up a job as an assistant coach at Division III LaGrange College, where he also obtained his master's degree. Although his athletic career after college didn't exactly pan out as expected, it did reveal to him his future career aspirations: health and nutrition.

In July of 2008, he started his own company named Revere Enterprises. It is a distribution company that provides sports enthusiasts with access to products ranging from multivitamins to protein bars and energy drinks.

"As an athlete, I was exposed to many different products that kept me energized and hydrated," said Revere. "I realized that there was a high need for people wanting to obtain optimal health."

Aside from his new found business success, Revere has been busy performing the duties of a loving husband and father of two.

"I love spending time with the family, and the kids keep us pretty busy," said Revere.

He may not be making millions of dollars like other multi-sport athletes, but No. 9 for the blue and white has worked hard to find his own version of success.

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Pack the House in Pink



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The women's basketball team stands during the National Anthem in last year's Pack the House Pink event. The women defeated UNC-Greensboro, 53-45 while the men also won, beating Furman 69-53.

ZTA holds annual event for breast cancer awareness

Thom CUNNINGHAM
sports editor

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Georgia Southern basketball programs will be competing at home during Pack the House Pink where everyone in attendance is asked to wear pink for breast cancer awareness.

"Pack the House Pink is a basketball game in order to raise the awareness of breast cancer," said chair of Pack the House Pink Sarah Cauthen. "Everyone going is asked to wear pink. This is the first year we made it a week-long event."

Throughout the week, zeta tau alpha has been doing numerous activities in order to get the word out there.

"We have been passing out flyers in various buildings and all over GSU," said Cauthen. "We have been giving out to students because it is a student-wide event. This year we want over 3,000 students to come."

Part of the event is to raise money for breast cancer research.

"We are trying to raise money for breast cancer awareness education," said Cauthen. "We will have t-shirt sales. We will also be selling beads."

The beads that will be for sale at the game will come in pink and blue.

"We will be selling a set of beads that come in pink and blue," said Cauthen. "We will also be face painting at the game. Any student or child can get a breast cancer symbol painted on their face to show all the survivors in Statesboro that we are here to support them and we are raising money for them."

To some, this event is more than just a basketball game.

ZTA historian and reporter Lauren Whitener has delt with breast cancer on a personal level.

"My mother found out that she was diagnosed with stage one of breast cancer," said Whitener. "I think that this event will make people more aware of how serious breast cancer is and how it can affect everyone. A lot of people say 'it's just breast cancer, it can't happen in my family' when it can. Hopefully this will make more women aware of the disease."

The event starts at noon on Saturday when the women's team takes the court against Wofford.

The event will continue throughout the day as the men's team faces Wofford at a 2:30 p.m. tip-off.

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